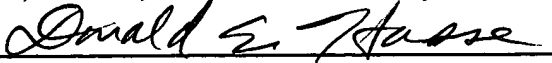


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.